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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Clair George
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SUBJECT : Suggested Opening Comments for the First
Counterterrorist Committee Meeting (1400
17 February)

The meeting you will address on Wednesday, 17 February at 1400 hours in the IAD Conference Room (3 D 03 Hqs) is the first session of the Interagency Counterterrorist Intelligence Committee which is (at least in theory) subordinate to the Interdepartmental Working Group on Terrorism which is headed by your pal and mine, Bob Sayre. I suggest the following thoughts would be useful in your opening remarks to get the Committee established on the right course:

--The Committee is a continuation of the intelligence committee established during the Dozier crisis. The Dozier incident indicated the value in having a standing intelligence committee whose members know each other and have a good appreciation of each other's capabilities.

--Coincidentally and simultaneously with the Dozier incident, the Pentagon ran a simulation terrorist crisis exercise attended by Secretaries Weinberger and Louis, Director Casey, Ambassador Sayre, General Jones and several other senior government officials. It was a very useful exercise. One of the decisions reached there, as articulated by Mr. Edward Meese of the White House, was the need to establish an intelligence committee chaired by the DCI or his representative. This meeting is the first chaired by the DCI's representative [REDACTED]

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- During periods of normalcy we envision that the committee will meet on a regular basis to be determined by the committee itself. It will review all current intelligence on terrorist matters to insure potential threat information is generally known, evaluated and acted upon. The committee should develop some means through which its conclusions are communicated to the counterterrorist community; consider, for example, the advisability of a terrorist threat alert system. The committee should also be responsible for achieving a community consensus on various terrorist organizations - are there some more dreadful than others? Finally, the committee can serve an important advisory role to insure that all elements of the counterterrorist community are coordinated and employed to the net best advantage.
- Finally, the real value of this committee will probably be best tested during a period of crisis such as that surrounding General Dozier's abduction. We probably all agree that the coordination of intelligence during the Dozier crisis could have been better. This committee is the nucleus for that improvement. The very fact that you personally know each other and will be in regular communication means that when a crisis hits you will not have to waste time figuring out who to talk to. As a result you are going to be able to provide quick and better support to the policy makers.
- We in CIA are in the process of expanding our counterterrorist capability both operationally and analytically. In the coming months our total counterterrorist group will be co-located, probably outside this building. We will insure that there is adequate space and communications systems in which this committee not only can get regularly but can function during times of crisis.
- Simultaneously with the creation of this committee and again consistent with the decisions of [REDACTED] we 25X1 will insure that our Station Chiefs abroad understand their responsibility as the intelligence coordinator on counterterrorist matters. In certain critical areas we will be urging our Station Chiefs to have formal meetings with the local counterterrorist community. During periods of crisis we will, of course, function subordinate to the Ambassador.

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--It aint all bad. The intelligence community has not done badly against the terrorism target.

Clair

Suggest you use as much of this memo as you deem appropriate. The intent is to say to the group that you can have an impact and that terrorism can be beaten. The intelligence function must be well performed. A bit of rah rah will be a nice introductory comment climax.

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